

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position;

a substantially oval shaped collar having an arcuate cross section adapted to extend in all radial directions beyond said diameter of said bolt portion such that said collar has a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member is adapted to be spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and further adapted to extend into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery. ~~The temporary door latch according to claim 4, wherein: said collar is substantially oval and has an arcuate cross section.~~

6. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position, said bolt portion includes an arresting aperture formed therein, said arresting aperture being adapted to be substantially aligned with said lateral edge of said door when said bolt portion is in said latching position;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar is configured to have a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member adapted to be spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and extend into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery~~The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein: said bolt portion includes an arresting aperture formed therein, said arresting aperture being substantially aligned with said lateral edge of said door when said bolt portion is in said latching position.~~

7. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position, said actuation member is connected to said bolt portion via a flexible neck portion, said

actuation member selectively bends about said neck portion in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion and being adapted such that said collar is adapted to have a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member is adapted to be spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and extends into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery. ~~The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein:~~ said actuation member is connected to said bolt portion via a flexible neck portion; and said actuation member selectively bends about said neck portion in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position, said actuation member defining a substantially circular profile;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar is adapted to have a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member is adapted to be spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and extend into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery

~~The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein: said actuation member defines a substantially circular profile.~~

10. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position, said actuation member is formed from a compressible material which is adapted to substantially fill said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar is adapted to have a dimension larger than a diameter of said edge bore, said collar being disposed adjacent to said actuation member; and

wherein said actuation member is adapted to be spaced from an inner periphery of said face bore and extend into said face bore when said collar is substantially abutting said inner periphery

~~The temporary door latch according to claim 1, wherein: said actuation member is formed from a compressible material which substantially fills said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore.~~

11. (Currently amended) The temporary door latch according to claim 10, wherein: said actuation member includes an aperture formed in said compressible material.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position;

a flexible neck portion connecting said actuation member to said bolt portion, wherein said neck portion selectively permits said actuation member to bend in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion;

a collar extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar is adapted to extend in all radial directions beyond a diameter of said bolt portion, said collar being disposed adjacent to said neck portion; and

a threaded engagement member having threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion and a flange disposed adjacent one distal end of said shank portion, said flange adapted to have a diameter larger than a diameter of said strike bore; said bolt portion includes a longitudinally extending inner bore having matching threads inscribed thereon; and wherein when said threaded engagement member is inserted through said actuation member and into threaded engagement with said longitudinally extending inner bore, said flange and said collar are biased towards one another thus adapted to fix said door jam in relation to said door.

~~The temporary door latch according to claim 14, further comprising: a threaded engagement member having threads defined along a longitudinally extending shank portion and a flange disposed adjacent one distal end of said shank portion, said flange having a diameter larger than a diameter of said strike bore; said bolt portion includes a longitudinally extending inner bore having matching threads inscribed thereon; and wherein when said threaded engagement member is inserted through said actuation member and into threaded engagement with said longitudinally extending inner bore, said flange and said collar are biased towards one another thus fixing said door jam in relation to said door.~~

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position, said actuation member defines a substantially circular profile and member is formed from a compressible material which is adapted to substantially fill said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore; and

a flexible neck portion connecting said actuation member to said bolt portion, wherein said neck portion selectively permits said actuation member to bend in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion;

~~The temporary door latch according to claim 18, wherein: said actuation member is formed from a compressible material which substantially fills said face bore when said bolt portion extends through said edge bore.~~

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A temporary door latch adapted for use with a door having a face bore and an edge bore, said edge bore extending from said face bore to a lateral edge of said door and being disposed in substantial alignment with a strike bore of a door jam, comprising:

a longitudinal bolt portion being dimensioned to extend through said edge bore and into said strike bore when said bolt portion is in a latching position;

an actuation member disposed adjacent one distal end of said bolt portion and being selectively operable to move said bolt portion between said latching position and a non-latching position;

a flexible neck portion connecting said actuation member to said bolt portion, wherein said neck portion selectively permits said actuation member to bend in a substantially perpendicular direction to a longitudinal axis of said bolt portion; and

a substantially oval collar having an arcuate cross-section and extending outward from said bolt portion such that said collar is adapted to extend in all radial directions beyond a diameter of said bolt portion, said collar being disposed adjacent to said neck portion.

~~The temporary door latch according to claim 14, further comprising: said collar is substantially oval and has an arcuate cross section.~~

22. (Canceled)